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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface; said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material; said tampon having a vaginally insertable self-sustaining shape; wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of raised portions; each of said raised portions comprising a first width dimension x , a first width dimension x^1 and a second width dimension y , and a second width dimension y^1 ; wherein the insertion end comprises the first width dimension x and a second width dimension y and the withdrawal end comprises a first width dimension x^1 and a second width dimension y^1 ; and wherein said first width dimension x is greater than said second width dimension y .

Claims 2-3. (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said raised portions are arranged in a pattern.

Claim 5. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said raised portions are parallel with said longitudinal axis.

Claim 6. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said raised portions are spirally shaped.

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Claim 7. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross-section of the tampon.

Claim 8. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.

Claim 9. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.

Claim 10. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.

Claim 11. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.